STATEMENT

	Inspr.	S.I.	A.S.I.	H.C.	Cts.	Class-IV
1. Suspended	3	15	8	26	63	1
2. Dismissed	1	-	-	-	4	-
3. D.E. initiated	-	3	-	11	19	-
4. Admonished/acquitted	-	-	-	-	5	-
5. Action held-in-abeyance till the finalisation of criminal cases	1	4	11	10	15	-
Total :	5	22	19	47	106	1

Grand Total - 200

Train Between Kolhapur and Mumbai

599 SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether requests have been received to increase the speed of existing train between Kolhapur and Mumbai and for introduction of a new super fast train between Kolhapur and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has since been taken on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (d). 1012 Mahalaxmi Express has been speeded up by 15 minutes alongwith its rescheduling between Kolhapur and Mumbai with effect from 1.12.1995. Demand for the introduction of a superfast train between Kolhapur and Mumbai has been examined but not found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Assam Tribal Riots

600 SHRI SUDHIR GIRI
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV
DR. JAYANTA RONGPI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether any inquiry has been made by the Government into the recent Assam tribal riots killing a large number of persons;

(b) if so, the main causes of the riots;

(c) the extent of loss of human lives and property in these clashes; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to give relief to the affected people and check the recurrence of such riots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c). The State Government has appointed a Commission of Inquiry headed by a retired judge to inquire into the matter. The Commission will submit its report within six months from the date of its appointment.

According to the information received from the State Government, the tragedy has claimed 172 lives. 287 villages are reported to have been affected. A large number of houses were damaged.

(d) Additional Central Para Military Forces were airlifted to Assam to assist the State Government in dealing with the situation. Army columns were deployed in Kokrajhar and Bongaigaon districts. Army was also alerted in other parts of the State. The situation was regularly monitored by the Home Ministry and the State Government was advised to take all possible measures to control the situation. A team of senior officers representing the Ministries of Home and Defence and the CRPF, was deputed to the State to discuss the situation with the Chief Minister and senior State Government officials and Army officers. A proposal has been received from the State Government for sanction of Central assistance for the rehabilitation of the affected people. The matter is under consideration.

Enquiry Commission on Bombay Riots

601 SHRI ANIL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government had given assurance on the floor of the house regarding completion of work of Enquiry Commission on Bombay Riots, and

(b) if so, the steps taken/contemplated to be taken to keep the assurance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) There was a discussion in the Lok Sabha on 29.2.1996 on this subject in view of winding up of the Srikrishna Commission of Inquiry by the Govt of Maharashtra in January, 1996.

(b) No steps are either contemplated or necessary as the Commission has since been reinstated by the Government of Maharashtra in May, 1996. The Commission has been asked to submit the report by 24.1.1997

Palace on Wheels

602. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the palace on wheels has been gaining popularity in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce similar trains in other States; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A metre gauge tourist train has been introduced for the Gujarat Sector in collaboration with the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat which operates between Delhi Cantt.-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur-Palitana-Veraval-Ahmedabad-Jaipur-Delhi Cantt. between September to April.

Contracts have also been awarded on the basis of global tenders to organisations in the private sector for the operation of five tourist trains on the following circuits :

(i) Delhi-Jaipur-Agra-Gwalior-Jhanshi (Khajuroho)-Varanasi-Lucknow-Delhi.

(ii) Bombay-Aurangabad (Ajanta/Ellora)-Nanded-Secunderabad-Hyderabad-Pune-Bombay

(iii) Goa (Mangaon)-Mangalore-Mysore (Batur/Halebid)-Hospet (Harpi)-Bangalore-Goa (Madgaon) (two trains).

(iv) Bangalore-Mysore-Madras-Kodaikanal Road-Kanniya Kumari-Trivandrum-Cochin-Mettupalayam (Ooty)-Bangalore.

The above trains are likely to become operational by the end of 1997

Bridge at Bogibil over Brahmaputra

603. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to construct a bridge at Bogibil over the Brahmaputra connecting National Highway No. 52 and 37; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Techno-economic survey and design of rail cum-road bridge across river Brahmaputra at Bogibil is being taken up shortly.

Passport Racket

604. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a racket involving issue of fake passports and visas was bursted in Delhi in May, 1996; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A case under sections 420/468/471 I.P.C. and 12 Passport Act was registered in this connection. Six persons were arrested. Ten passports were recovered from their possession.

Dual Citizenship

605. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the representatives of American Association of the Physicians from India (AAPI) approached the Government for issue of dual citizenship; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Ministry of Home Affairs have not received any representation from American Association of the Physicians from India (AAPI) for grant of dual citizenship. However, question of grant if dual citizenship was considered but not accepted as the concept is not consistent with the Constitution of India and the Citizenship Act, 1995.

[Translation]

Dowry Deaths and Cases of Oppression

606. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases pertaining to dowry deaths and oppression upon Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes registered at the Police Stations in Fatehpur and Banda districts, Uttar Pradesh, during the current year;